

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:46."

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Blessedness of Fellowship.

More about the prayer for the unity and oneness of God's people.

Special efforts made by Satan at this particular time.

God in his infinite wisdom and knowledge created man with a natural craving for fellowship. He said it was not good for man to live alone and made for him a companion. Not a word written that gives the least hint of any break in the fellowship that existed between the two until satan took advantage of the woman through the serpent and succeeded in severing the sweetness of fellowship that had hitherto existed.

When mother Eve acted on the advice of the serpent and partook of the forbidden fruit she was in a realm of disobedience while Adam was yet pure and true. But according to the record as it appears this state of things was of short duration, however, the time of this peculiar separation might have been longer than we have believed. While this transgression did not separate them as husband and wife, yet Eve was a transgressor and Adam was not, hence in that particular their fellowship was broken.

They might have counseled about the matter and realized the wall between them, and that Eve had gotten over into a place from which she was unable to return, so that they saw that the only way they could be remitted in that sense was for Adam to partake of the same fruit and thus put him in the same realm with

his wife. She could not go back up to him, but he could come down to her, which he did and that placed them both in the same state again.

Whether this matter was discussed by them or not the fact remains that their fellowship was broken until Adam stepped down into the chamber of disobedience where his wife was then dwelling. When God found them they were both in the same condition—both transgressors and in perfect agreement because they had each committed the same crime. They were both ashamed and both hid from God and no doubt both trembled when they heard God's voice in the cool of the day.

This act of disobedience by our foreparents brought trouble on the human race from which they have never recovered. It plunged the whole race into the same realm. "They are all gone out of the way." says Paul, "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." But in due time God

sent His Son to redeem fallen man back to the same position from which they had fallen. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

God through Moses was able and successful in delivering Israel from their bondage in Egypt, and transplant all that believed in the land of promise, so He is able to raise all who believe back to the Edenic state through Jesus Christ. Before sin entered there was blessed fellowship. They also had fellowship with God. In his first epistle John says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the father." This Jesus, of whom John was writing, accepted and obeyed will give us fellowship with John and this then will give us fellowship with the father for John says his fellowship was with "For as by one the Father. man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." When two or more persons are righteous through Christ there is unity and fellowship between themselves and also with God. This is a blessed experience. Have fellowship with each other and by obedience to Jesus enter into fellowship or unity with the Apostles, and their fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. A sacred fellowship! A sacred unity!

This blessedness of fellowship and unity is better expressed by the Psalmist: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

In this unity and fellowship there is no friction. The oil The speaks of smoothness. dew, of refreshment. In this peculiar position God has commanded His blessing. Unity, oneness and fellowship that makes people one with Jesus and the father pulls down the blessing from the vaults of the sky. The Psalmist shows that this blessing is so great that he adds that it is "even life for evermore."

No wonder Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full," and immediately following this wonderful expression, He adds, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." To obey this command certainly places people in very close union and fellowship with each other and with Him as well. Disobedience broke the fellowship in Eden, and obedience raises to the same blessed fellowship from which was thrown the whole human race.

In His remarkable prayer as recorded in John 17 Jesus told His Father saying: "And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word." This part of the prayer was specially for His disciples, but a few seconds later He began to pray for others saying: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." Such oneness as this surely must mean perfect fellowship—perfect unity.

It is not too much to expect the answer to this prayer to be realized. At the very time that the answer should begin to show satan is making special efforts to divide and separate those who believe on Jesus through the words of the Apostles. This, however, should be an encouragement to us, for satan well knows that this unity and fellowship is coming, so he must get in his work to try to prevent it, for it is always his business to try to thwart God's purposes and plans.

When God was arranging to deliver Israel from Egypt and had even sent Moses to perform His will in the matter Pharaoh began to work against it and his efforts were so far successful for a while that even some of the Israelites began to murmur and complain at Moses for interfering with the monotony of their lives as they toiled from year to year. How like this

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While do we have it now! some are working for unity according to Christ Jesus and His prayer, others are complaining and declaring it will never be realized. And, besides, satan is getting in his very best work and causing close friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord to disagree and separate.

These divisions and crosses that are working so plainly now are only evidences that unity and fellowship of all of God's saints is drawing very near. Just now people are free to express their views of Scripture. These are met by people who are forward to dispute with them and many times bluntly say, "I don't believe it." Every one is more or less a commentator for himself. Many of the very ones that have been forward to criticise books of commentators and harshly set them aside as gross error, are themselves taking their place on the "throne of know i all" and try to thrust their books, though unwritten, on the public as standard

"Why can't we agree?" says one. "Why are there so many views expressed just now that are causing so much friction, discord and division?" the satanic influence at work on the minds of even good peo ple just before the culmination. The time for blessed unity, fellowship and oneness of God's people is at hand and special efforts are being made by satan, and his hosts of assistants are marshalling their forces and placing sentinels at every place where there is any prospect of unity prevailing, and his satanic majesty is transforming himself into an angel of light and appearing to shed new light to on and new contrary light to another and the unwary people are so stupid that they don't recognize the "cloven foot" and the rank poison there is hid away under their so called light.

But hallelujah! The climax is at hand! People will soon begin to read 1 Cor. 3:18 and apply it to themselves and will see how foolish they have been as they have been so free to express their views on the Bible when really they did not know it as a thus saith the It is often said, "The darkest hour is just before day." Let us be awake early and wish for the day though the darkness seems to get even more dense. Hallelnjah! Oneness! Unity! Glorious Lellowship of all of God's children.

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(On the field.)

To the Readers of the Evangel,

Greeting in Jesus name. I still have victory through the Blood, praise God forever.

This date finds me in the hardest fight of my life. Just closed a meeting in the little town of McMinnville, Tenn., one of the devil's strong holds. There we had a very hard fight against Spiritual wickedness in high places, but thank God who giveth us the victory, that place is

well bombarded with the truth and much good was accomplished. A time of seedsowing, and of course holiness seed never rot, then fore we are expecting a great Pentecostal revival there yet, as we left several seeking the Holy Ghost.

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I want all the dear Saints every where to pray for me in this work. The Lord has put it on me to spend the summer months among these poor Mt. people, and if God's people don't hold me up with their prayers and means I can't stay here.

Conviction is getting hold on some already, am expecting a great work to be done here this summer, if we all do our duty. This is the first Gospel tent that has ever been pitched in this mountain country.

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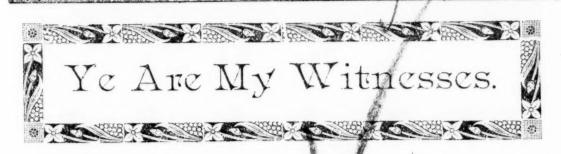
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Great meeting at Chattanooga 4th of July. Meeting continues with unabated interest. Folks being saved, sanctified and baptized. The power is falling.



BYINGTON, TENN.

I am praising God for his power to save with an everlasting salvation.

Last Sunday the saints prayed for a sick woman and as they waited before the Lord the power fell. Some danced and talked in tongues others singing anthems. The woman came out of the bed and said she believed God would heal her for she felt lots better. A message came for us to go about 1½ miles and pray for another sick sister. This we did and God healed her. She got out of bed and went on her way rejoicing. "And these signs shall follow them that believe."

J. M. Scarbrough, clerk of the Church of God at Chandler View.

WAUCHULA, FLA.

To the saints Greeting:

I am praising God that two years ago last June he really took up his abode with me, hallelujah! Praise God for a real Bible evidence. I am glad I am learning to let God have his way with me. I read something like this in the word (Prov. 14:12) There is a way which seemeth right unto man but the end thereof is death — and another — (Prov. 16;2) All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth thee. Again (2 Thess. 2:11,12) For this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth but have pleasure in unrighteousness.

Oh dear saints let us examine, ourselves by the word and see if any of us are numbered with those whom God will send strong delusions. May God help us to live in the center of His will.

Pray for me. With much love for the little paper, your brother under the blood,

W. A. Baxter.

BRC. P. F. FRITZ is now at Bentor, Pa. He has been holding some imeetings and the people's heart are opening to the truth. He says, "They have had nothing but sermons on paper. Last sunday night I preached in a Presbyterian church. Next Sunday I have three meetings booked. Morning at Methodists, afternoon at an old folks home and night at Evangelicals.

It may seem odd that these churches are open to me but the Methodist preacher sent me word that he would let me have his time. Some of the preachers are kicking now. I am trying to give the straight gospel. * * These people have never had any teaching on the deeper things of God."

CHARLESTON, MISS.

Bros. and sisters in Christ:

I praise God for the deep settled peace in my soul. About a year ago the Lord sanctified me and took away the taste and desire for whiskey and tobacco and all filthiness of the flesh, but I did'nt get my baptism until I was baptized in water and joined the Church of God, May 10, 1914. That night about midnight the Holy Ghost came in with the Bible evidence. [Acts 2:4.] He still sweetly abides. I'm glad I can say I'm one of them. Hallelujah! Pray for me. I have spent most of my days in riotous living and have done nothing for Jesus. But now I want to make up for lost time. I want to go all the way with him. The night I got the baptism I was healed of a loathsome disease. Yours in Christ Jesus till he comes to make up his jewels.

W. H. Bounell, R. F. D. 1.

SOUTH PITTSBURG, TENN.

To the Church of God at Cleve-

land, Tenn. I am a deaf and dumb girl and desire the prayers of God's saints at Cleveland for my deafness so I can hear the word of God preached in its fullness.

My brother at Soddy is a holiness man too. Publish this in the Evangel if you think best. Pray for me, Manerva Mitchel.

WATSON, ALA

Evangel Family:

I am praising God for salvation that keeps me above sin. I praise him for his great healing power. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost with a real Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit gives utterance.

Pray that God may send a messenger here to deliver His word in its purity. Pray that I may ever stay humble at his feet.

Logan Alexander.

NASSAU, N. P. BAHAMAS

Dear Bro. Tomlinson,

Greeting in Jesus name. Today, if it is the Lord's will we will start for Long Island. I found the Church getting on all right. The boys are all doing well — haven't got homesick yet or if they have they keep it hid. Have been in good meetings with the saints here. Don't know how it will be at other places. Will let you know as we go from place to place. Yours in the Masters service,

Milton Padgett.

PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING.

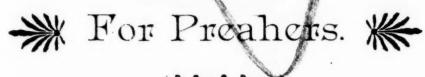
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Harry P. Lott, P.O. Box 731 Oklahoma City,Okla.

Bro. Wm. Allen begun a meeting at Falls City, Ala. last Sat. night. He asks for prayers and a bundle of sample Evangels.

DON'TS



(By Sam C. Perry.

Text: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. "For we are labourers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9.

Don't forget that the first and greatest necessity in your life is that you possess the spirit of your Master.

If this be lacking no skill, knowledge or power you may possess can remedy it. It's really the heart of the matter. "The husbaudman must first be partakers of the fruits"

Don't go around with a scowl or frown on your face, but make yourself as pleasant and agreeable as possible at all times, even in adversity. When you are among those who are foes and opposers, let the expression of your face indicate the undisturbed peace and quiet that reigns in your soul.

Don't differ with every one who expresses an opinion different from yours, unless you honestly think you can in the Spirit of love shed some light on the subject.

Often you weaken your influence over a person by blurting out so many objections to his belief right at first acquaintance. Be patient and God will give you the opportunity to show the truth in a way

that will tell. Jesus said "Be as wise as scrpents, but harm-less as doves." Go and learn what that means.

Don't act as tho' you thought you knew every thing, if God has given you His great salvation it is that you may walk humbly and in godly fear before Him.

So don't allow any blessing or success to puff you up, for at best you are but a very tiny unworthy speck on God's creation.

Don't hunt up some strange or new interpretation of God's word, bet keep to the well beaten track of salvation truth.

Any illustration, incident or comparison that will emphasize, or make plain the truth of scriptural teaching is all right, but there is a lot of trash being taught in some parts by professed Pentecostal men that has no practica! bearing on personal salvation or the edifying of the church, but only tends to confusion and divisions, and such should be rejected by the Church of God, even if its ardent advocates do claim that its new light on the scriptures. If you really have new light on God's word it will make you more like Jesus, and its teaching will bless and edify God's children, but if your "new light" brings confusion and differences you'd better leave it off.

Don't neglect your Bible. Study it constantly, it is food for your soul, as well as a sword with which to fight your many battles.

Don't neglect prayer. In prayer you not only gain the victory over outside opposition but keep fears, doubts, darkness, and weakness from your own soul,

Don't decide that no one can teach you, but be teachable, ready to learn from any source. There are many lessons you may learn from the ordinary experiences of life. There are many precious truths God would teach us thro' His children and from various objects at almost every turn. Let us be careful lest we miss what God desires to teach us

Don't fail to see that the work of the gospel ministry is God's work and your life must be "AS UNTO HIM" How sacred the thought, that we are "workers together with Him."

ONLY BY PRIDE cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom. Prov. 13:19.

If any man teach otherwise, and censent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness HE IS PROUD knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. I Tim. 6:3-5. ONLY BY PRIDE do these things come. Are you proud?

ONE THING NEEDFUL.

"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good Part, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:42) As these words came from the lips of our Savior and are so true it behooves us to find out what the good part was that Mary had chosen and why it is needful and how she came in possession of it. If it was needful for her it is needful for us. We might suppose it was the Word as Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard his words, but he said it should not be taken away from her and there is a possibility of the word being taken away. (See parable on the sower) Mary had chosen something more than word for the Lord said it shall not be takeh away from her. She came in possession of it by hearing the word. Mary sat at Jesus' feet, heard his words and chose the substance of it which is the love of God, the good part that is needful and shall not be taken away. Listen to Paul(Rom.8: 38,39) For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the LOVE OF GOD which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Why do we need love? Because it is of God and he is all we need. Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God. (1 John 4:7) God is love and without love we are without God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:8)

Jesus says "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit. In Gal. 5:22 we read, But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE. You say you received this love when converted or when sanctified. Have you got it now? You say, Yes if it can not be taken away, I must still have it. True it can not be taken away — it will not leave us, but WE CAN LEAVE IT and loose our crown. In Rev.2:2,5. the Lord says to the angel (or pastor) of the church at Ephesus I have somewhat against thee because thou

hast left the first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent. If he fell from his first love may not we? Paul says, Examine whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves. 2 Cor. 13: 15. Read the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. Notice that charity (or love) suffereth long and is kind—envieth not—is not puffed up:—is not easily provoked.—thinketh no evil. Charity never faileth.

J. P. Hughes.

LAKE BUTLER, FLA.

To the Evangel Family:

Greeting in Jesus' name. It has been quite a while since I sent you a testimony.

I feel like praising the Lord for what he is and has been to me for four years in this dark place.

Am looking to Jesus for victory. In answer to the prayers of Bros. Tomlinson and Caruthers I was healed of Eye trouble. Am in poor health. Pray for me. Two years ago Bro. V. W. Kennedy preached here. People seem hungry for a meeting. Would be glad if Bro. T. S. Payne or some one with a tent if possible would hold a ten day's meeting or longer. We may secure a house if no tent can be had.

Your sister in Jesus with much spiritual love for all and a never dying love for Jesus,

Mrs. L. Thomas.

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.

Dear Bro.

Greeting in Jesus name. I feel led to drop a few lines to the paper.

Have Just closed a meeting at this place. Some saved and sanctified but none received the Holy Ghost. The Word was given out in mighty power.

The next meeting will begin July 10 at Salisbury. Bro. J. A. Davis is with me in work. I have a new tent. The first meeting was run here under it. This is my first trip, but God says go and I must obey. Pray for me.

J. W. Walker.

BELMONT, N.C.

Dear Saints:

I want to praise God for what he has done for me. I was sick with pellegra last summer. Was some better last winter but the disease came back this spring. Sister Etter sent me a handkerchief week before last and the Lord has wonderfully healed me. I want all the saints to pray for me to trust him more.

Your sister in Christ Mrs. J. Auten.

Mrs. Gertie Lee, Orlando, Fla. R. 2, Bx. 13 has been sick two years unable to do anything. Her baby has had pneumonia. They are in bad circumstances.

She asks prayer for healing and if God leads any one to help them in any way it will be thankfully received.

Gardner, Fla.

Dear Evangel and Saints:

About a month ago I wrote a few lines to the Evangel that did not escape the waste basket; but as I am ten or twelve miles from any Pentecost people and feel lonely desiring your earnest prayers, I attempt it the second time.

Forty years I had wandered in darkness and had become so utterly disgusted with the so-called fashionable churches that I did not average an annual attendance.

Was convinced 14 yrs. ago (notwithstanding the teaching that evil thoughts are sin and to live free from sin is impossible) that a true christian is Christ-like, free from sin and holy.

I could see no one living this life and knew it could be done and as I was not living it I condemned myself and the whole world with me.

About the 15th of last January Bro. Buckalew began a meeting in Manatee, Fla, at which I was a regular attendant. I was soon convinced that there did exist true christians. I never can praise God enough for sending the Pentecostal people to where the light reached me. After Tent Meetings broke up the saints had cottage prayer meetings two or three times a week

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and preaching almost every Sunday. I continued seeking in a careless way until finally I just got so hungry it did'nt seem that I could endure much longer without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I saw there was a price to pay and a hard fight to make.

So when I really laid all on the altar the Holy Ghost came, and he abides in my soul — now. Pray for my companion and children. They are yet in the world and I want to see them saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Yours under the blood, J. W. Douglas.

Forly Million Japanese Gospelless.
(Japan Independent Mission.)

A Japan Missionary, many years on the field, lays: "There are 40. 000,000 Japanese who have never had a real good chance to hear the gospel." In one of the Bible Society's reports the statement is made that "The real Japan has practically been untouched by christian The Japan Independent effort." Mission has been touching this untouched class, the villagers, for years. We have now four stations in the Kawachii valley manned by able and efficient workers touching between 75,000 and 100,000 of the untouched regular, and God is graciously blessing. Recently we added 35 more villages to the list, making in all about 150 that are being cared for by the workers. Five young men came to the place where I was stopping to inquire about Jesus and later on two more young men came from the same village for the same purpose. can't remember of seeing such a spirit of inquiry in Japan before. People want to sit down and talk about Jesus- An hour every day is being given to pray for a revival in the Kawachii valley and as a result there is now "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" for which we praise God. Please pray for a revival in the Kawachii valley and believe that God will send it down. God has definitely led one of our workers in the

villages to pray for the sick and over ten persons have been healed in the past few weeks.

Another worker reports four persons saved in one house and meetings are held there every time he visit them. Another worker reports that "the villagers say christianity is against the state ignores the spirit of patriotism and inspires the socialist" but for all that, he goes on to say "Every meeting is blessed and new enquirers are given though they have persecution also."

A full report of God's saving and healing power and of the work of the Japan Inbependent Mission will be found in the "Lord's Vineyard in the Sunrise Kingdom," a live Journal published on the field. Drop us a card (two cent stamp) and we will put you on our mailing list. The Journal is free to all.

Your brother in Christ, Robert Atchison, 9 of 72 Fukiai Cho, Kobe Japan. NOTICE

One 40 ft. round tent and folding organ for sale. The tent has been pitched and seven meetings held under it and has been well cared for and in good shape, except a tat gnawed three or four little holes in it but have been well mended. It is made of 10 oz. army duck and well made. We purchased it new.

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WHAT IS PENTECGST?

(By A. E. Street.)

Pentecost is one name for the second of three annual feasts that Jehovah commanded his people to observe. The word is Greek, meaning the "fiftieth" and was applied to the fiftieth day after the day of the passover. It was the day of "Harvest" or "First Fruits" at the beginning of harvest. The feast was only one day long and was followed four months later by the great feast of Tabernacles, lasting

a week, to celebrate the full end of harvest.

All Jewish fea ts are typical, and in Acts second chapter is recorded the reality this feast had forshadowed. The Christian use of the word Pentecost refers to the reality not the Jewish type.

During the past few years there has sprung up a loose use of the word Pentecost. Churches, papers, societies have called themselves "Pentecostal" and many have been praying for Pentecost without attempting to follow what the Bible tells us were the peculiar marks of that day, for it was only one day. It is a remarkable perversion of language to call that Pentecostal which does not profess or aim at a single characteristic of that event or to do a single work done for the first time on that day. The word Pentecost has a definite, distinct meaning in the Bible.

Some say they have received their "Pentecost" meaning, a mighty manifestation of the working of the Holy Spirit. But on Mount Sinai the Seventy elders under Moses received such a manifestation while in various places in the old Testament the sons of the prophets are represented as being thus favored by the presence of the Spirit.

Some take the list of the nine works of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8 10) as descriptive of Pentecost, but it is merely a summing up of the work of the Spirit in general and has no reference to the manner or condition of their bestowal.

Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues and interpretation. Wisdom and knowledge were given to Moses and Solomon; Faith to the long list of workers in Heb. 11. Healing and Raising the dead to priests, prophets and apostles. Miracles —the history of Israel is full of them; prophecy - there are twelve minor prophets; discerning of spirits most strikingly shown in 1 Kings 22: 19-23 where Micaiah describes a scene in heaven to account for the spirits in the prophets opposing him.

(Continued next week.)